



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

NOV 22 2002

RECEIVED
18-0
Ver
12/10

Applicant : van Lengerich
Serial No. : 09/782,320 Group Art Unit: 1617
Filed : February 13, 2001 Examiner: Webman, Edward J.
For : EMBEDDING AND ENCAPSULATION OF
CONTROLLED RELEASE PARTICLES

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT,
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first action on the merits, kindly enter the following
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 26, 50, 53, and 79 as shown in clean form:

C 1
SUB 1
26. (Amended) An encapsulated product according to claim 25 wherein said
plasticized matrix material comprises an at least partially gelatinized starch, which starch
is not substantially dextrinized.

C 2
50. (Amended) An encapsulated product according to claim 25 wherein said
plasticized matrix material is at least one member selected from the group consisting of
starches, cyclodextrins, dextrins, monosaccharides, disaccharides, polyvinylpyrrolidone,